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EXDIS - FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS ONLY FROM SORENSON

FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 13990 ACTION SECSTATE SEP 13

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 13990

EXDIS

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 1165* GDS

TAC: EFIN, RP

SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 224574, (B) STATE 225438, (C) MANILA 13989

1. REF B WAS YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE ELABORATING ON REF A, WHICH INQUIRED ABOUT PRC EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE GRC FROM IMF/IBRD MEETING MANILA. REF C IS EMBASSY RESPONSE TO REF A, WHICH TELLS ABOUT ALL WE KNOW TO DATE.

2. THE FACT THAT REPRESENTATION WAS MADE BY PRC AMBASSADOR AND FOLLOWED BY A NOTE TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUGGESTS THAT IT HAS CERTAIN STEAM BEHIND IT AND MAY ERUPT AGAIN DURING THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES. PRC HAS SOME LEVERAGE WHICH IT CAN BRING TO BEAR ON PHILIPPINES, BUT IS APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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MOVING AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS TO STAGE MAJOR MANILA EXHIBITION

OF CHINESE ART AND PARTICIPATE IN MANILA TRADE FAIR, BOTH
EVENTS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMF/IBRD MEETINGS.
IF PRC THREATENS TO PULL OUT OF THOSE TWO SHOWS, SUCH
THREAT COULD ACTIVATE IMELDA MARCOS, WHO IS THEIR PRINCIPAL
IMPRESSARIO. IF SHE BEGINS TO AGITATE PRESIDENT MARCOS,
HE MAY BECOME SOMEWHAT SHAKEN IN HIS CURRENT POSITION.

3. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO STAND FIRM
BEHIND VIRATA VIEW THAT PARTICIPATION IS FUNCTION OF
ORGANIZATIONS RATHER THAN HOST GOVERNMENT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE
HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO ANAGONIZE ORGANIZATIONS
THEMSELVES. IF HE DOES STAND FIRM AND IF PRC RETALIATES
BY BOYCOTTING EXHIBITION AND TRADE FAIR, IT WILL BE A
CONSIDERABLE BLOW TO PHILIPPINE "NON-ALIGNED" POSTURE AND
TO IMELDA'S PRESTIGE. IT WILL PROBABLY ALSO ACCELERATE
GOP TENDENCY TO CUT ALL TIES WITH GRC, WHICH WILL INEVITABLY
EMERGE AS SCAPEGOAT.
SULLIVAN
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